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ARIZONA NOTES.

Items of Interest Culled From Our Exchanges.

Cotton of the long staple Egyptian variety this year yields as high as a bale and a half to the acre. One farmer near Yuma estimates his eighty acres will reach that average. Salt River valley has 7400 acres in cotton this year and the yield is very satisfactory.

All records in cotton were broken when Fred C. Weeks sold six bales for \$1,000. At this rate the cotton growers of the valley will have more money than they will know what to do with. The staple is worth 30 cents a pound and seed is worth \$27 a ton.—Tucson Star.

Hunters in various sections of Arizona have been successful in bagging wild turkeys and killing deer. The game laws of the state as well as of the United States, have been pretty well respected the past few years, owing to activity of officials ably assisted by sportsmen of the state, hence game is more plentiful.

Trading votes should not be tolerated by any democrats. In the first place it is not right in principle and on the other hand democrats, being in the majority have all to lose and nothing to gain by such practice. As formerly republicans in county and state will try to trade but as usual it is only a confidence game.

The Southern Pacific has placed orders for 28 locomotives, 50 passenger cars, 4204 freight cars, all to be delivered the latter half of this year. This was made necessary by the increase in business in the last few months. The company has also ordered two ocean going steamers and one tank steamer to be delivered in 1917.

The third car of concentrates from the Arizona Butte mill was loaded for shipment to the smelter yesterday. They have a value of approximately \$125 per ton and each car shipped or prepared for shipment contained 30 tons, giving a total value of \$3750 to the car. The mill is able to turn out about three cars a week or better.—Miner.

In Navajo and Apache counties a number of diseased horses are to be destroyed to prevent spread of the malady. The government will pay one-half the appraised value of the animals, and a check for that portion will be given at once. For the other half the State of Arizona will pay, but it will require special legislative act to appropriate the money.

The whole town of Duncan was shaken last week when a large quantity of ammunition and dynamite caps exploded in the store of the Billins Merchandise company. The explosion was caused by a fire, the origin of which was not discovered. The Billins company is a leading firm in the community. Loss caused by the fire and explosion is estimated at \$45,000.—Silver Belt.

The state tax commission has finished placing the valuations on the rolling stock of the private car companies operating in Arizona. All companies sending private cars across the state are forced to pay taxes on their property. The heaviest individual taxpayer is the Pullman company, whose property crossing and recrossing the state is valued at \$977,974.80.—Arizona Herald.

The registration at the Tempe Normal has reached 420. A large majority of that number are above the high school. The registration of the training school is nearly 200, and twenty in the rural school, making the total registration 640. There are several who are expected to attend the school this year who have not yet reported for work as yet. The registration is expected to reach the 700 mark before Christmas. The Northern Arizona Normal school has passed the 300 mark in enrollment.

Plans are under way to redeem 10,000 acres of desert land in the Higley and East Chandler section. Power is to be secured from Roosevelt. It is said the reclamation service has signified a willingness to do this if a district is formed to guarantee payment, operation, etc. The plan is to run all the big pumping units now being installed by electricity, which is much cheaper and safer than the gas engine plan.

No announcement will be made of the name of the donor of \$60,000 for a new astronomical observatory at the University of Arizona according to President R. B. von KleinSmid, of that institution. Plans for a 36 inch reflecting telescope are being made by Prof. A. E. Douglas of the department of astronomy here. The donor of the new observatory stipulated that his name be withheld, President von KleinSmid said.—Star.

Ninety cans of young game fish have been delivered here for transportation to Roosevelt Lake as a result of a campaign by Globe anglers to have the reservoir stocked with several other varieties beside bass. The fish came from the government hatcheries at Hannibal, Mo., and are to be planted in various parts of the reservoir. Five and six pound bass are frequently caught at the reservoir as a result of the stocking of the lake with this variety several years ago.—Globe Record.

During the interim, pending the appointment of a register of United States land office to succeed Thomas F. Weedon, deceased, the office will be kept open and filings received which will be held until the appointment of his successor. Pending that time no action will be taken on the filings and no dates will be set for making final proofs. As the register was taken sick just prior to the termination of his leave of absence, the entire business for August and September now awaits action by the new register. It is generally understood there will be no appointment made until after the presidential election as all are too busy now to consider applications.

The announcement that the business men of Jerome have organized to prevent wild catting is one of the most important steps forward, according to a statement made by the Arizona State Bureau of Mines. Probably no movement is so widespread as that to discourage illegitimate mining operations. It is the work of the American Mining Congress, the work of the State Bureau of Mines, as well as the work of many civic organizations, and it is only by the united action of many of these organizations that this may be brought about. Nothing discourages legitimate mining more quickly than wildcatting. The wildcat makes it difficult for the man with an above-board proposition to obtain funds necessary to develop his property.

Tungsten Owners Should Take Heart.

In spite of the fact that the tungsten market is very low at present, the owners of tungsten properties should not be discouraged, says a report from the Arizona State Bureau of Mines. When tungsten was \$110 per unit, it was entirely too high, and naturally the bottom could be expected to drop out of the market. When the drop came, it was sent below normal, but tungsten will become a standard metal, with a fixed price of from \$25 to \$30 per unit which means a considerable value per ton of the 60 per cent concentrate.

The flurry for tungsten has called attention to its advantages, and there are many increasing uses. The high price was largely caused by the demand for use in high speed steel. It is now found that there are immense advantages in the use of it in steel rails.

Tungsten is to become one of the staple industries of Arizona, although it is dormant at the present time.

TIME WORKS WONDERS.

"Oh, What a Difference Ten Years Makes!" This might properly be the title of a campaign skit comparing the utterances by Theodore Roosevelt as president in 1906 with his utterances as pleader-in-chief for Candidate Hughes in 1916.

In 1906, in his annual message to congress, under the heading, "Railroad Employees' Hours and Eight-Hour Law," President Roosevelt said:

"I call your attention to the need of passing the bill limiting the number of hours of employment of railroad employees. The measure is a very moderate one, and I can conceive of no serious objection to it. Indeed, so far as it lies in our power, it should be our aim steadily to reduce the number of hours of labor, with as a goal the general introduction of the eight-hour day."

In 1916, Colonel Roosevelt, stumping in the cause of "Anything to Beat Wilson," said: "We have seen in this country few things more discreditable to our representatives and more ominous to the future of the nation" than the passage of the Adamson eight hour law for railway trainmen.

He said the justice of the request of the railway brotherhoods had not been sufficiently investigated; but in his message to congress of December 3, 1907, he said:

"The general introduction of the eight-hour day should be the goal towards which we should steadily tend."

In 1916, Colonel Roosevelt, straining to injure President Wilson, intimates that railway men are not entitled to the eight-hour day because "they do nothing but sit around" during a part of their time on duty. On this point, his Battle Creek, Mich., speech, of September 30 last, reads:

"Eight hours may be the outside limit of proper work time in Mr. Ford's factory, where the man is all the time working at just one thing, intensively and without vacation; but eight hours that includes doing nothing but sit around, and also change of occupation, may not be long enough."

Silver Service at Tucson Fair.

In order that the out of town people who attend the Southern Arizona Fair here October 26-27-28 may have an opportunity to see the silver service which will be presented to the battleship Arizona, it will be exhibited here beginning Monday, October 23rd, and will be kept until Saturday, Col. Allen T. Bird, of Nogales, secretary of the Arizona State Board of Trade committee having the service in charge, was in the city yesterday arranging for its exhibition. The Steinfeld store was selected on account of its central location and the large windows which will permit the entire service to be exhibited in one enclosure. The service cost over \$8,000, and by the time it is presented, with cost of transportation and other expenses the amount will be \$10,000.—Tucson Star.

IN DEAR OLD COCHISE.

The democracy of "Dear Old Cochise" is as solid as the rock-ribbed summit of the Huachuca mountains. They have never capitulated to the enemy and are in no humor to do so now, though some of them have sincere regrets because of failure of favorites in the primary contest. The democratic majority in Cochise county will this year require four figures to make it known. There has been no campaigning yet in this country, but organizations have been perfected for the purpose of stirring democratic enthusiasm from now until the election, and when Senators Ashurst and Smith, Congressman Hayden, with Governor Hunt and Wiley E. Jones reach this part of the state there will be none here to take bets against the undefiled and untainted democracy.—International.

STATE FAIR NOTES.

The Arizona state fair commission have the fair grounds nearly ready for the reception of what will doubtless be the largest crowds that have ever been inside the gates, when the fair opens November 17th.

Harvey Crawford, the aviator and builder of aeroplanes is already in Phoenix, and it has leaked out that he is to open a school of aviation at the fair grounds. Crawford has with him a large passenger carrying machine in which he will take up visitors to the fair.

Ground is being broken for the fifty foot circle that is to be eight feet deep for the use of the great water circus that comes with the Great Worshams shows, the carnival that will supply the big amusement features of the fair. This company carries twenty cars of show paraphernalia and is admitted to be the best of its kind.

The numerous additions to the stock barns, sheds and pens are nearly completed and, though the commission has provided nearly double the space used last year, every barn and pen is already spoken for.

The Copper Queen Mining company has agreed to send its band of thirty-three pieces to Phoenix for the entire week and to stand every penny of the expense. This is real boosting but it only shows the spirit that seems to prevail over the entire state. Every one seems to have dropped politics to talk fair and even the picture houses are advertising the big week gratis.

With all Arizonans at home this year and with the money of one of the state's most prosperous years in their pockets, there seems to be a feeling of "Let's do something big this year" in every.

ARIZONA DIVIDEND PAYERS.

Inspiration Consolidated Copper has just declared its usual quarterly dividend of \$2.00 per share payable October 13th, and Miami Copper has just declared its regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, payable November 15th.

Many mining investors remember that just a few years ago the public turned a "cold shoulder" upon offerings of stocks of these companies at only a few cents per share. This was at a time when the incorporators were endeavoring to secure funds for proper development of the properties. Selling at a few cents per share but a comparatively short time ago, Inspiration Consolidated is now paying \$8.00 per share annually in dividends, while Miami Copper is paying \$6.00 per share annual dividends.

Copper prices promise to stay very high for a long time to come, and as a result the shares of young copper companies which are operating in districts of proven merit, such as the Ray district, are in strong demand, as some of them seem to give promise of duplicating the performance of Inspiration, Miami, United Verde and other of the "adult" copper companies which were youngsters" but a short time ago.

WILSON AND THE FARMER.

"The present is the first administration that has made a determined effort to show the farmer how to get satisfactory prices for his harvests. Former administrations have shown the farmer how to fight the boll weevil, the chinch bug, the army worm and other insect pests. But this is the first administration that has dared to make common cause with the farmer against the usurer, the transportation shark, the fake middle man, and the other human pests who in the past have grown rich on the produce of the farmer's toil."

"With these things accomplished in little more than three years, after twenty years of weary waiting, the road to greater freedom is not backward to the old order but forward, holding steadfast to these friends who have proved true."—The Farmers' Open Forum.